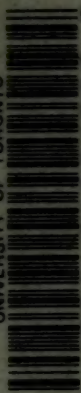


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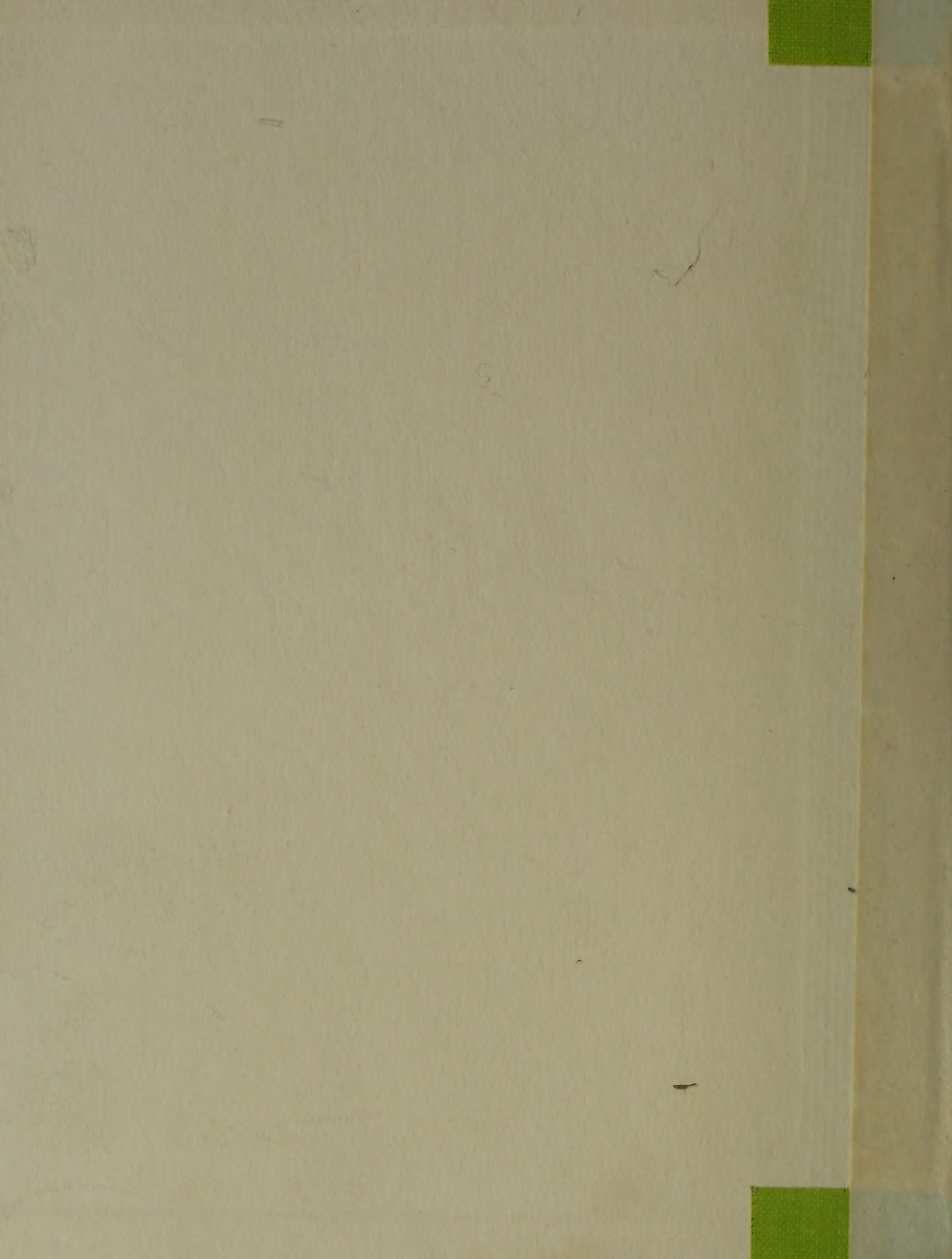
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THE day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties.

Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.



## For Friends



FOR our absent loved ones we implore Thy loving kindness. Keep them in life, keep them in growing honor; and for us, grant that we remain worthy of their love. Let not our beloved blush for us, nor we for them. Grant us but that, and grant us courage to endure lesser ills unshaken, and to accept death, loss, and disappointment as it were straws upon the tide of life.





## For Grace



**GRANT** that we here before  
Thee may be set free from  
the fear of vicissitude and  
the fear of death, may  
finish what remains before us of our  
course without dishonor to ourselves or  
hurt to others, and, when the day comes,  
may die in peace. Deliver us from fear  
and favor; from mean hopes and cheap  
pleasures. Have mercy on each in his  
deficiency; let him be not cast down;  
support the stumbling on the way, and  
give at last rest to the weary.





## Self-blame



**L**ORD, enlighten us to see the beam that is in our own eye, and blind us to the mote that is in our brother's. Let us all carry and measure with the false balances of love, and be in our own eyes and in all conjunctions the most guilty. Help us at the same time with the grace of courage, that we be not cast down. When we sit lamenting amid the ruins of our happiness or our integrity, touch us with the fire from the altar, that we be up and doing to rebuild our city; in the name and by the method of Him in whose words of prayer we now conclude.



## Gratitude



**B**ID us, O Lord, in our concerns. Accept and inflame our gratitude; help us to repay in service one to another the debt of Thine unmerited benefits and mercies. Help us yet again and ever. So order events, so corroborate our frailty, as that day by day we shall come before Thee with this song of gratitude, and in the end we be dismissed with honor. Amen.





## Patience



WE come before Thee, O  
Lord, in the end of Thy  
day with thanksgiving.

Our guard is relieved, the  
service of the day is over, and the hour  
come to rest. We resign into Thy hands  
our sleeping bodies, our cold hearths and  
open doors. Give us to awake with  
smiles, give us to labor smiling. As the  
sun returns in the east, so let our patience  
be renewed with dawn; as the sun light-  
ens the world, so let our loving-kindness  
make bright this house of our habitation.





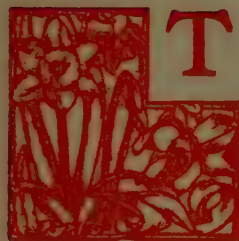
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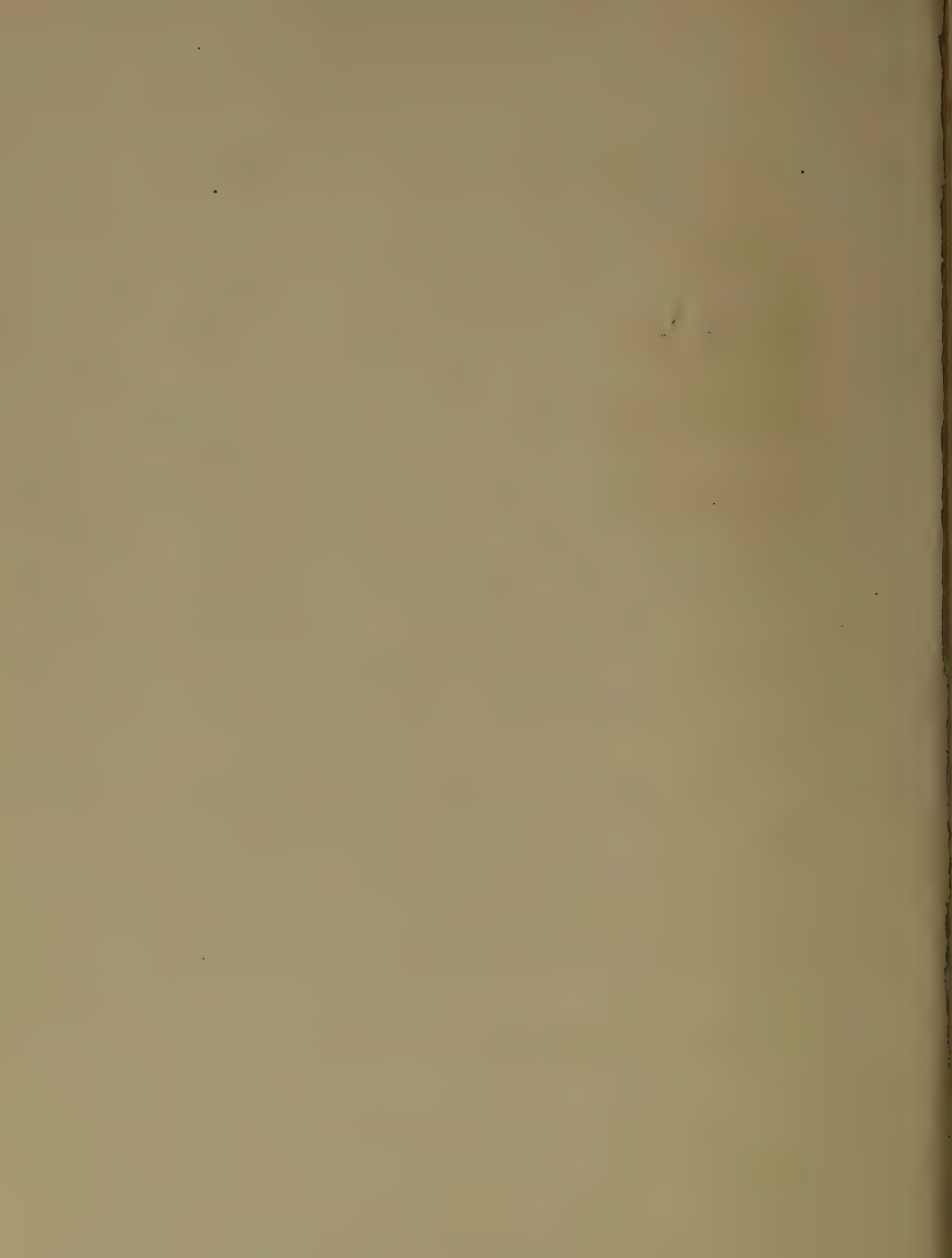
**L**ORD, behold our family here assembled. Let peace abound in our small company. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offences. Give us courage and gayety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as children of their sire, we beseech Thee this help and mercy, for Christ's sake.



## Separation



**T**O-DAY we go forth separate, some to pleasure, some to worship, some to duty. Go with us, our Guide and Angel, hold Thou before us the mark of our low calling, still to be true to what small best we can attain to. Help us in that our Maker, the dispenser of events—Thou of the vast designs, in which we blindly labor, suffer us to be so far constant to ourselves and our beloved.



## For Self-forgetfulness



**L**ORD, the creatures of Thy disinherited children, come before Thee with their incoherent wishes and regrets. Children we are, children we shall be, till our mother, the earth, hath fed upon our bones. Accept us, correct us, guide us, Thy guilty innocents. If there be any here, sulking as children will, deal with and enlighten him. Make it day about that person, so that he shall see himself and be ashamed. Make it heaven about him, Lord, by the only way to heaven, forgetfulness of self.





## For Renewal of Joy



WE are evil, O God, and help  
us to see it and amend.  
We are good, and help us  
to be better. Look down  
upon Thy servants with patient eye, even  
as Thou sendest sun and rain ; look down,  
call upon the dry bones, quicken, enliven ;  
re-create in us the soul of service, the  
spirit of peace ; renew in us the sense of  
joy.



## At Evening



ORD, look down upon ourselves and upon our absent dear ones. Help us and them. Give us health, food, bright weather, and light hearts. In what we meditate of evil, frustrate our will; in what of good, further our endeavors. Cause injuries to be forgot and benefits to be remembered. Let us lie down without fear and awake and arise with exultation, for His sake. Amen.























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